

SERIOUS REPULSE WAS SUSTAINED BY JAPANESE.

Attacked Fortifications Outside of Tieling But Were Driven Back By the Russians--It is Believed They Sustained Serious Loss.

FRANCE MAY REFUSE FINANCIAL AID

Unless Russia Sues For Peace, the French, it is Reported, Will Not Grant Loan--Kuropatkin Displaced.

London, March 15.—A Central News despatch from Tieling states that the Japanese attacked the fortifications outside of that town but were repulsed. It is believed that the Japanese suffered heavy loss.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—A telegram from the front regarding the fight at Tieling yesterday says the Japanese attack was repulsed by General Lenevitch's troops. The Russian losses are given as 1,000, while the Japanese left that many dead on the field.

GEN. KUROPATKIN HAS BEEN DISPLACED

Reported in St. Petersburg That Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaevitch Has Been Appointed to Lead Manchurian Army.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—It is reported that Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaevitch has been appointed commander-in-chief of the army in Manchuria to succeed General Kuropatkin, with General Soukhomlinoff as chief of staff.

FRANCE REFUSES LOAN.

Will Not Help Russia Unless She Sues for Peace.

London, March 15.—The Daily Mail declares that the French government has given Parisian banking houses clearly to understand that they must not conclude the proposed Russian loan unless Russia is prepared to negotiate for peace.

This revolt of the French bankers is considered by the London newspapers as the most hopeful and important news of the day, promising an early conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan. Apparently the proposed loan has not been absolutely refused, but only "postponed." This, however, is regarded here as being tantamount to a refusal, and is expected to speak louder to the Russian war party even than General Kuropatkin's reverse at Mukden.

It is the general belief that by the death of M. Gernin, the late governor of the credit Lyonnais, Russia lost her strongest financial friend in France, and that had he been alive no difficulty would have been experienced. With the American and English markets closed to her, it is thought that Russia can only turn to Germany, who is not likely to be much more responsible than France, and the only alternative would seem to be to make peace.

Reports are current here that Japan will now demand an indemnity of between \$300,000,000 and \$750,000,000.

TOGO'S FLEET PROBABLY.

Four Cruisers Arrived off Singapore This Morning

Singapore, March 15.—Four Japanese cruisers have arrived off this port from the eastward. They are apparently the advance guard of Admiral Togo's fleet.

STILL FOR WAR.

Reported That Russia Has Not Slightest Idea of Peace.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The war council held at Tsarkoe-Selo yesterday at which War Minister Sukharoff, General Dragomiroff and others were present is understood to have decided the question of continuing the war in the affirmative.

The foreign office adopts a very firm attitude regarding the peace rumors again categorically insisting today that Russia has not the slightest idea of peace. There is nothing confirmatory of the reports to the effect that Japan intends to make a formal proposition to enter into peace negotiations within a week and they are received with great scepticism.

"NO REASON FOR ALARM."

Says Russian Minister in an Interview Today.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—Prince Khilkoff, minister of public works and

railways, in an interview of the subject of peace being drawn, said:

"Personally I would be glad to see the end of the war, but peace is impossible, since we have tried. General Kuropatkin's telegram relative to the situation there is no reason for alarm."

ATTACHES CAPTURED.

Will be Taken to Tokio--Are Being Well Treated.

Washington, March 15.—Minister Griescom at Tokio reports that the two American military attaches who were captured with the Russians at Mukder were brought to Tokio. They are Colonel Harvard of the medical corps and Captain Judson of the engineers corps. Both are reported as well and as receiving every possible courtesy from the Japanese.

American Steamer Captured.

Tokio, March 15.—The American steamer Tocama has been captured by the Japanese on the claim that she has been engaged in carrying contraband of war.

TOOTH PULLERS THERE.

State Dental Society to Meet in Rutland Tonight.

Rutland, March 15.—With over 75 members and guests present the 29th annual convention of the Vermont State Dental Society will open in the city this evening for a three days' session with every prospect of the largest meeting in the history of the organization. Many of the dentists arrived here last evening and spent today looking over the exhibits of the sixteen prominent dental firms which are arranged in the parlors of the Berwick. These exhibits comprise the finest and most up-to-date collection of paraphernalia for dental surgery ever seen in Vermont.

These dental men arrived in the city last night and today are to be the guests of the Vermont society during the entire convention. Dr. Edgar O. Kinsman of Cambridge, Mass., secretary of the Northeastern Dental association; Dr. C. Frank Bliven of Worcester, Mass., ex-president of the Northeastern society; Dr. Henry McManus of Hartford, Conn., another president of the Northeastern society; Dr. James E. Power of Providence, R. I., and Dr. Edwin C. Davis of Boston, members of the executive committee of the same society; Dr. Walter I. Brigham of South Framingham, Mass., and Dr. Andrew J. Flanagan, of Springfield, members of the Massachusetts Dental society.

The dentists will make their headquarters at the Berwick and the sessions of the convention will be held there. At this evening's meeting, Dr. Henry Turrill of this city will give the address of welcome.

The president, Dr. H. Burbridge of Woodstock, will be unable to attend because of sickness, so the vice president, Dr. George F. Barber of Brattleboro, will preside. He will respond in an informal way to the welcome. These papers are on the programme for the evening: "The Future in Sterilization," Dr. E. O. Kinsman, Cambridge, Mass.; "Oral Surgery," Dr. J. E. Power, Providence, R. I. The discussions will be led by Dr. K. L. Claves, Montpelier, and Dr. George F. Cheney, St. Johnsbury, respectively.

MAY ENTERTAIN VERMONTERS.

Rutland Hopes to Have Vermont Association There.

Rutland, March 15.—Rutland will probably have a chance to entertain the Vermont association of Boston for a day and a night next "Old Home Week." Present plans for the annual pilgrimage are to come here by way of the Fall River steamship line, New York city, the Hudson river and Albany. After remaining here a night and a day they will go to their former homes in various parts of the state. The association has appointed a committee of arrangements for the trip to Vermont which is an annual event. While here the marble quarries and other interesting places in and about the city will be visited. In other years when Burlington and Newport were visited the Boston Vermonters were tendered a reception by the citizens. Col. Albert Clarke, formerly editor of the Herald, is president of the association.

BY AN INFUSION OF SALT.

After a St. Louis Woman Was Pronounced Dead, She Was Restored.

St. Louis, March 15.—After having been pronounced dead by two physicians and a nurse, Mrs. Charles A. Sweet, wife of a provision merchant, has been restored by the infusion of a salt solution into her veins and is now believed to be recovering her health.

Five weeks ago Mrs. Sweet, suffering from gastritis, went to Hot Springs, Ark., in the hope of recovery. On the night of Feb. 13 she seemed to be dying and eventually her heart ceased beating and respiration stopped. She was pronounced dead.

A third physician, however, decided to try a salt solution infusion. The operation was continued and Mrs. Sweet revived.

NAN PATTERSON TRIAL.

Will Begin on April 10, Announced Attorney Rand.

New York, March 15.—Assistant District Attorney Rand today announced that the trial of Nan Patterson, who is charged with the murder of "Caesar" Young, will be moved on April 10.

YOUNG GIRL MURDERED

Little Brother Was Badly Used Up Also

BY TWO UNKNOWN MEN

Terrible Crime Committed in a Pennsylvania Town Last Night and Citizens Are Greatly Stirred Up Over It.

West Chester, Pa., March 15.—Mary Deluka, the four year old daughter of an Italian laborer at Howellsville, near Berwyn, was outraged and killed last night by unknown persons, and her seven years old brother, who went to her defense, was probably fatally injured by his sister's assailants. The boy's condition is critical. One shoulder is dislocated and his skull is fractured. Mary's corpse was found in a blacksmith's shop and her brother, unconscious, was found outside the door. The boy could only tell that two strange men met him and his sister and coaxed them into the blacksmith shop which was deserted at the time.

The Italians at Howellsville are wildly excited and are making dangerous threats.

MINISTER WAS GUILTY.

J. Frank Cordova of New Brunswick, N. J., Did Desert His Wife.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 15.—After six hours' deliberation the jury which tried J. Frank Cordova, the former South River minister who eloped with Julia Bowne, one of his choir singers, for abandoning his wife came into court last night with a verdict of "guilty as indicted."

Cordova appeared to be greatly shaken by the verdict. He probably will be sentenced on Saturday. The extreme penalty is imprisonment for one year. As soon as the case was given to the jury, the second indictment against the ex-minister was called. It accused him of assault and battery upon his wife.

In summing up the first case Prosecutor Berdine scored the former minister unmercifully and once Cordova leaped from his seat in fury, sinking back again when the spectators howled at him and shouted: "Sit down!" The close of the prosecutor's address was hailed with cheering which the court officers could not suppress.

Judge Strong's charge emphasized the point that the prisoner could not be excused because he had sent money to his wife. As soon as the jury had retired Prosecutor called for the opening of Cordova's trial on a second indictment, charging him with assault on his wife.

DYING FROM STARVATION.

Young New Englander Fell Into Bad Company in New York.

New York, March 15.—A young woman describing herself as Ida Fletcher, or Levy, 22 years of age, who says she came here from a Connecticut town a year ago, has been found dying from starvation in a small room of a Harlem tenement house. With her was a baby, 8 months old.

Quick consumption has seized the young mother, and she can live only a few days, but she refuses to tell the name of her parents. Neighbors notified the police when they learned of her pitiful state. One who did not know that she was in such dire need, had daily left a can of condensed milk for the baby. The girl says that she shared this, and that was all the nourishment she had in twenty days.

The infant was emaciated and weak, but it is believed it can be saved. The girl would only say that she came here and fell in with bad companions. Unable to work, she had pawned everything of value and finally became too ill to leave her bed. An effort is being made to locate her parents in New England.

KILLED IN JAIL.

Negro Charged With Assault on Man, Victim of Mob.

Long View, Tex., March 15.—Julius Stevens, a negro imprisoned in the jail here, charged with assault upon Carl Anderson at a saw mill near this place, was shot to death yesterday in his cell by a mob which entered the jail and forced the jailer to deliver the keys to the upper compartment.

ON ROAD TO RECOVERY.

Good News From Bedside of Bishop Hall.

Burlington, March 15.—Bishop Arthur C. A. Hall, who was operated upon for appendicitis last Saturday, passed successfully yesterday through the third and what is generally considered to be the critical day, and is now believed to be on the road to recovery.

PROMINENT CLERGYMAN.

Rev. W. B. Meade Taken Ill After Officiating at a Funeral.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 15.—Rev. William B. Meade, one of the best known ministers in central New York, died late last night as the result of a cold contracted at a funeral five days ago.

WAS JOKING HIS WIFE

Declared Oscar Nickson on Witness Stand

IN PLAINFIELD HOLD-UP

Testified That He Told Her He Was Concerned in the Escape to Scare Her—Case Now With the Jury.

Montpelier, March 15.—Oscar Nickson, the young colored man who is alleged to have tried to rob Dr. D. B. Smith of Plainfield on the night of May 14, 1904, is holding the boards in Washington county court and will for the remainder of the day. The state finished ripping up Oscar's status yesterday afternoon and the defense began splicing it together again immediately. William Morrison of Barre, who was a clerk in the store of L. A. Averill on May 14 last, was the first witness for the negro. He testified that on the evening of the 14th Nickson was in the store twice, on the first occasion paying something on account and the second time buying some oil. His memory was aided by sale slips.

The attempt at robbery was on midnight the same night.

Mertie Stoddard, Chief Patrick Brown of Barre and Phineas Ladd of the same city were on the stand. Chief Brown was called upon to testify to the size of the footprints which were traced to Barre from the direction of Plainfield. Ladd was a clerk in the same store with Morrison.

Among the witnesses for the state were Dr. Smith of Plainfield, Orville Hatchelder of Barre town, whose horse was stolen the same night and found in Dr. Smith's yard, A. C. Buzzell of Barre city, Richard Areddell of Berlin, N. H., a brother-in-law of the respondent, and also the respondent's mother-in-law of the same place.

The jury which has the case is as follows: Charles Holton and Frank Tracy of Northfield, Mark P. Ladd of Worcester, Fred Long of Warren, M. J. McLeod of Barre town, J. C. McCullen of Duxbury, D. E. Moriarty of Waterbury, C. S. Morse of Waterbury, John C. Pike and E. D. Waldo of Cabot, Ira Benjamin and Fred V. Winslow of Berlin.

Nickson went on the stand himself just before the respondent's defence was concluded. He admitted that he had told his wife at Berlin, N. H., that he was concerned in the Plainfield episode but declared that he said that simply to scare her, as they had had trouble a short time ago. He did it as a joke.

The arguments were begun this afternoon and the case will go to the jury late this afternoon.

INDICTMENT FOR MURDER.

Giovanni Visconte of Swanton Junction Held by Grand Jury.

St. Albans, March 15.—The Franklin county grand jury today returned a true bill against Giovanni Visconte of Swanton Junction for murder in the second degree. He is charged with the shooting of Francisco Phillips on Oct. 10, 1904. The court has assigned Willard Farrington as counsel, and the hearing will begin at 2 P. M. Monday afternoon.

WANT PASTOR TO RECONSIDER.

Over 200 Young People of Rutland Church Present Petition.

Rutland, March 15.—The Rev. George Gilmore, assistant pastor of the Congregational church, who recently resigned because some of the older members objected to his doctrine doing away with the Immaculate Conception, was presented today a petition signed by over 200 young people of the church, asking him to reconsider.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

H. J. Poor of St. Albans Despondent Over Family Troubles.

St. Albans, March 15.—H. J. Poor made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide by shooting yesterday afternoon. His wife left him about two weeks ago, taking with her their two years old daughter, and leaving an infant son behind. Family troubles are said to be the cause of the attempt at suicide.

HANDS AND FEET FROZEN.

Burlington Woman Died from Effects of Exposure.

Burlington, March 15.—Exhausted from nursing her son, sick with typhoid fever, Mrs. Franklin C. Barnes, a widow, 76 years old, was overcome by the cold and was found yesterday morning in an adjoining room with her hands and feet frozen. She died later from the effects of the exposure.

Fear Neck Is Broken.

St. Albans, March 15.—Thomas Mullin of this city is in a critical condition from the effects of falling down stairs last evening. It is feared his neck is broken.

Investigation Committee in Montpelier.

Montpelier, March 15.—The commission to investigate state institutions arrived in Montpelier this afternoon and at two o'clock began their investigations.

MURDER THEORY "BOSH."

Dr. V. C. Goodrich, One of Mrs. Lewis' Physicians, Makes Statement.

As there has been an unwarranted rumor circulated that Mrs. A. H. H. Lewis, who died last week from septic poisoning, may have been murdered, Dr. V. C. Goodrich, one of the attending physicians, feels called upon to make a refutation of the story and today made an unsolicited statement concerning the case. Dr. Goodrich said that the story of murder is "all bosh," and to substantiate his assertion tells of an occurrence which happened a short time before Mrs. Lewis' death. When the woman realized that there was no hope for her she told the nurse and others to leave the room as she wished to talk with Dr. Goodrich alone. All left the room and Mrs. Lewis then told to the doctor every circumstance in connection with the taking of the poison. She said to him that she had taken the poison by mistake and related everything in connection with it. "It was all due to my heedlessness," said Mrs. Lewis. She made other statements which Dr. Goodrich feels should not be made public. The reason why the woman should tell him these facts was because Dr. Goodrich had been her physician for some time and she was in the habit of talking freely with him.

Dr. Goodrich says that Mrs. Lewis thought she took more poison than she did, because she was frightened. If, said the doctor, she had taken as much as she said she had, death would have resulted very soon. But persons having taken poison think they have taken more than they really have. The acute results in intestinal paralysis, which the physicians were unable to relieve.

As to the rumor that the bottle of medicine in the room had been changed about by some person, Dr. Goodrich stated that there was no disarrangement except by Mrs. Lewis herself.

The other physicians who attended the woman during her illness were Drs. M. L. Chandler, C. F. Camp and L. L. Leonard, and the nurse was Mrs. Truby. The nurse said today that she was in the room next to that occupied by Mrs. Lewis, that the latter got up from bed and took some medicine and then returned to bed. Having a peculiar feeling, Mrs. Lewis went to see what she had taken and immediately called to Mrs. Truby, saying: "Get a doctor; I have taken poison." Mrs. Truby is very much worked up over the rumor of murder, and declared that it is absurd.

When Dr. L. L. Leonard, the physician first called in Mrs. Lewis' case and who continued in attendance until her death, was asked why he had not ordered an autopsy, he replied:

"If there had been the slightest indication of a second party implicated it certainly would have been done."

INJUNCTION STANDS.

Barre Men's Cases Against Knott & Closson Will Not Be Tried at Present.

At a hearing in Brattleboro Judge Wheeler decided that an injunction restraining plaintiffs in two cases from proceeding against the old brokerage firm of Knott & Closson should stand. The two cases in question were brought by H. A. Phelps, et al. and Homer Fitts. They were brought in the Washington county court and have been continued from time to time.

A bill of injunction was brought restraining the plaintiffs from proceeding with the cases now, on the ground that Knott & Closson were in bankruptcy proceedings. J. W. Gordon of this city moved for the plaintiffs that the injunction be dismissed. B. W. Taft of Burlington argued for Knott & Closson and the judge ruled that the injunction must stand.

BOWLING NOT GOOD.

Eagles of Barre Took Two Strings from Dewey's Colts.

In the Intercity bowling league last evening the Eagles of this city defeated Dewey's Colts at Montpelier two out of three strings and by a total score by 164 pins. Mudgett of the Eagles was high man with a single score of 223 and a three string total of 517. The score:

EAGLES.			
Reid	172	142	127—441
Thompson	157	325	106—383
Douglass	172	139	176—507
Mudgett	223	163	151—537
Averill	151	193	165—509

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